

**Resolution No. 9-0518**

**RESOLUTION REPORTING ON  
JAIL BUILDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the Iowa County Board adopted a Resolution on August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 creating the Jail Building Committee and tasked that committee with making certain recommendations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Jail Building Committee has studied and toured the existing Iowa County Jail and Sheriff's Office, studied the Grant and Pierce County Jail, toured the Vernon, Juneau, and Sauk County Jails, reviewed the Venture Architect Space Needs Study, and met many times to discuss Iowa County Jail needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Jail Building Committee has met with the County Finance Director to learn about financing options; and

**WHEREAS**, the Jail Building Committee has prepared a response to the Iowa County Boards request for a recommendation.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Jail Building Committee that the following recommendations are hereby made to the Iowa County Board.

1. That in addition to the standard attributes and features of a County Jail, that the following be included in the construction of a new Law Enforcement Center:
  - A. Provide ample parking space. All facilities reported lack of parking space
  - B. Provide adequate storage for County vehicles and other equipment
  - C. Provide a defined and inviting entrance
  - D. Increase staff efficiency with less inmate contact and/or movement
  - E. Maintain clean site lines from the control room to the pods (more pods with fewer detainees is preferred to fewer pods with more detainees.)
  - F. Provide a booking area with site lines to special needs cells and receiving cells (to include a group holding cell)
  - G. Provide a medical suite to include an exam room and a records room
  - H. Provide a kitchen of appropriate sizing while keeping growth considerations in mind
  - I. Provide commercial based laundry with options of "green resources" for all utilities
  - J. Provide a ventilation system that can isolate hazardous material incidents and prevent the need for a complete evacuation of the facility
  - K. Provide a mechanical chase to accommodate access of maintenance without entering the cellblock or pod. Several facilities voiced regret of

- allowing this to be cut from the plans for cost saving
- L. Provide separate locker rooms for outside clothing and assigned clothing to control contraband in the facility
  - M. Provide adequate video court and non-contact areas for attorneys to meet with clients
  - N. Accommodate options for video visitation as well as consideration of face to face non-contact visitation
  - O. Prevent contact between public and detainees, to include Huber inmates coming and going from the building
  - P. Provide employee locker rooms and showers
  - Q. Provide a sally port that can accommodate bus access with a pull through and adequate space for several vehicles at one time
  - R. Provide a pre-book room to allow for officer interviews and medical considerations
  - S. Provide for storage. All sites studied suggested they did not plan for enough storage
  - T. Provide a training room that can be modified for large or small events
  - U. Provide conference rooms that can accommodate public use without compromising the security of the facility
  - V. Provide an efficient system for evidence collecting, testing, logging, and storing
  - W. Provide an efficient area for Patrol staff to complete necessary paperwork
  - X. Provide a dispatch center separate from the jail that can provide access of paperwork to patrol staff without disrupting workflow
  - Y. Provide offices for Emergency Management to include an area for an emergency operations center (EOC)
  - Z. Allow for adequate administration offices with Administrative Assistant space and conference rooms
  - AA. Do not build with the expectation of out of County inmate housing generating income
  - BB. Explore options to prepare for future use of renewable energies
  - CC. Provide adequate programming rooms for detainees
2. That the new Law Enforcement Center be constructed on a site between six and ten acres for existing and future expansion.
  3. That the anticipated construction costs Iowa County should plan for would be between \$18 million and \$22 million for a Law Enforcement Center approximately 60,000 to 70,000 sq. ft. in size.
  4. That the Iowa County Board hold regional meetings throughout Iowa County in order to educate residents and serve as an opportunity to hear resident concerns.

5. That the Iowa County Board consider the need for a new Law Enforcement Center without a public referendum in 2018.
6. That the Iowa County Board move forward with a Request for Proposals to hire an Architecture Firm.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Jail Building Committee further recommends that the Iowa County Board appoints the "next generation" of the Jail Building Committee to continue moving this project forward.

Respectfully submitted by the Jail Building Committee.